GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1778
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2002
INVESTMENT BY ONGC
GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA;Y.S. VIVEKANANDA REDDY

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) propose to double its investments to Rs.8,000 crore per annum in the Tenth Plan period to boost crude oil production by 1.5-2 million tonnes;

(b) if so, whether it will invest about Rs.46,000 crore during the Tenth Plan out of which about Rs.13,000 crore investment is planned in oil equity abroad;

(c) if so, whether any action plan has been worked out in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which it will reduce India`s dependency on crude oil imports?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a)&(b): Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) envisages an outlay of Rs.46,969 crore, in the 10th Plan (2002-2007) for their oil exploration and production activities which includes Rs.13,550 crore for oil equity abroad.

The indigenous crude oil production of ONGC during the 10th Plan period is envisaged to be 130.02 million metric tonne (MMT) against the current rate of around 25 MMT/annum.

(c) & (d): The action plan worked out by ONGC in this regard is as follows:-

i. Drilling of 594 exploratory wells, including 35 deepwater wells,
ii. Establishment of 147 to 155 MMToe recoverable reserves,
iii. Production of 130.02 MMT of crude oil production of 112.10 billion cubic metre (BCM) of natural gas from domestic fields.
iv. Production of equity gas from Vietnam expected to start in 2002-03; production of equity oil from Sakhalin project (Russia) expected to start by 2005-06. During the Tenth Plan, ONGC envisages 5.2 MMT of oil and 4.94 BCM of gas from these two overseas projects.

(e): The increased production of crude oil as envisaged in the 10th Plan period is expected to reduce the import to that extent.